

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

August 11, 2016

Spotlight on Grace: Come Before His Presence with a Song



Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

- Psalm 100, Book of Common Prayer, p. 729

This is an exciting time for Music at Grace Church!

This past Friday, August 5, a 145-voice choir from the Royal School of Church Music Newport course filled the chancel at Grace and sang a glorious service of Choral Evensong. [Please click here](#) for a wonderful video excerpt, or find it posted on [the Grace Church Facebook page](#).

The appreciative congregation -- which included parents and friends of the choir, Grace parishioners, and folks who wandered in after seeing the sidewalk sign out front -- numbered

about 130!

Director of Music [Vince Edwards remarked](#): "As you can see....it was warm so we decided to forego vestments! The 145-voice choir sang beautifully under the direction of Walden Moore and was masterfully accompanied by Jason Roberts and Patrick A. Scott. Congregation of about 130....but they couldn't outnumber that choir!!!" What is equally exciting is that almost 100 of those singers were under the age of 18!

This coming Monday, we will take 9 brand new choristers to Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT for a 4 day choir camp, officially launching the Grace Church Choristers!

We will be rehearsing, and learning, and playing every day. A typical day might include learning a scale, singing a hymn, learning a setting of the *Nunc Dimittis*, learning about a portion of the liturgical year or Eucharistic liturgy, playing Monopoly, playing Bingo, swimming in the lake, tie-dyeing a shirt, playing kick ball and sharing great meals. (Makes you want to come with us doesn't it?)

On Sunday, September 11, we will welcome these new choristers into the Choir of Grace

Church and rejoice in being part of a centuries-old tradition of young people singing the world's greatest sacred music in a great sacred space.



This Week at Grace

Worship Services:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Parking for Worship: During construction, parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow Streets. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

A temporary wheelchair ramp is now complete, providing wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.



Outreach Ministry - Back to School Supply Drive

YOU can help send a vulnerable child to school ready to learn!

Please Support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's Back to School Supply Drive for [Children's Friend](#).

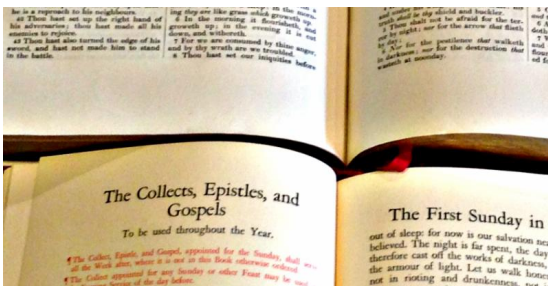
The following items are needed:

construction paper, children's books (ages 3-5), writing paper, glue sticks/craft glue, crayons, popsicle sticks, pencils, small backpacks, washable markers, glitter, tempera paints, watercolor paint sets, paint brushes, preschool size scissors, etc.

Donations will be collected each Sunday through September 11th, and can be left next to the "Back to School" poster at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



August 14, 2016 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

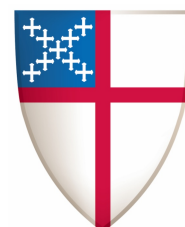
Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

From The Episcopal Church

Bulletin Insert for August 14, 2016 from the Episcopal Digital Network:

Jonathan Daniels' name resonates as one of the civil rights heroes and martyrs of our time. Giving his life at the early age of 26, Jonathan Daniels dedicated himself completely to his work, both inside and outside of The Episcopal church. Please [click here to read more](#).



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YES! A Workshop Series by the Episcopal Diocese of RI



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The Commission on Ministry will again offer the Yes! curriculum beginning on September 21 through November 9, 2016. The 7 session course will be facilitated by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Janice Grinnell, and will be held at St. Columba's Chapel in Middletown, RI. This

program is in direct response to lay people who are seeking ways to discern and understand their God given purpose. Cost for the entire series is \$100. [Please click here](#) for a listing of all 7 session times.

[Please click here to Register Online](#)

For more information, contact Canon Betsy Fornal, 401-274-4500, ext. 225, [or by e-mail](#).

Your Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Lavonne Seifert

During the period of Jonathan's sabbatical, through the end of August, please direct all pastoral questions, inquiries, and/or conversations to Mother Lavonne Seifert.

Lavonne will serve as Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church, and is already well known to this congregation as both a longtime parishioner and as our current Associate Rector. To speak with Lavonne, or to make an appointment to visit with her, you may reach her by telephone at 401-331-3225 (ext. 6), or via email: lseifert@gracepvd.org.

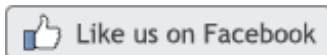


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